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## The Social Side of Washington

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, D. C., May 14.—The week's calendar, though much marred by the cancellations due to the prescribed official mourning for the late King Edward VII. of England, was nevertheless replete with events of diversified interest. The second in a series of May garden parties at the White House, a three-day dramatic treat offered by the famous New Theatre Company of New York, the festivities, patriotic and otherwise, incident to the unveiling of the statue erected by Congress to the memory of

of the inauguration with Mother's Day at the nation's capital.

The weather is a bit too cool for the thorough enjoyment of the White House lawns and gardens, but this fact had, of course, no effect on the attendance, and with few exceptions, had little influence upon the choice of ladies' gowns at the fête. The worth dozens of flirty gowns, made slightly low-necked, according to the prevailing mode, and worn with their fifty-seven varieties of midsummer accessories, made a pretty picture show. The attractiveness of the tout ensemble was further enhanced by the appearance of many army and navy officers in uniform. Members of the picturesque diplomatic corps were conspicuous by their absence, owing to international sympathy for the royal family of Great Britain.

The welcome planned for Mrs. Bryce, wife of the British ambassador to Washington, who returned this month from a short spring visit to England, has been reduced to a handclasp and a kindly look, since the death of Edward VII. makes it impossible for her to accept hospitalities for a long period.

The advent of Lord Eustace Sutherland Campbell Percival, who has just arrived to take up his duties as attaché of the British embassy, will also be unmarked by the social amenities usually accorded a good-looking bachelor diplomat. Were it not for the sorrow that has overtaken his country, Lord Percival would be given a very "glad hand" as the son of his father, the Duke of Northumberland, as well as for his own sake.

The Emperor of Japan was one of the first rulers to notify his representative here of the de-rixeur three weeks' official mourning for King Edward. In consequence thereof, the Oriental prince who figured large on last week's social horizon, and left an evergreen memory as the dispenser of the most princely tips ever chronicled in the American bell-boy world, was allowed to depart without farewell entertainment at the Japanese embassy.

The Japanese Ambassador and Baroness Uchida have since canceled all engagements pursuant to their Emperor's request.

Because there may be no social demonstration to mark the return of the Baron Hengelmüller von Hengervar, from a two-months' vacation in Europe, he is none the less warmly welcomed by the large circle of acquaintances outside the foreign official corps, of which his priority of continuous service at this capital makes him the dean and social arbiter.

Baron Hengelmüller left Washington on his vacation within a fortnight after the Italian ambassador's transfer from the United States to Turkey, elevated him to the local dealership.

The first duties of the position will, therefore, be in connection with the memorial service to be held here at the hour on May 20 when the funeral of King Edward will be held in England. As planned, these services will take place at the National Cathedral.

The site is one of the most beautiful that can be imagined, commanding as it does, an incomparable view of the capital city, in which the dead

monarch was royally entertained during his visit to America as the Prince of Wales, and in close proximity to the Choir School for Boys, which will forever stand as a monument to the generosity of the beautiful American, Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnston, who, as mistress of the executive mansion, was his official hostess on that memorable visit.

The services will be held in a cathedral made by nature, with birds in the adjacent primeval grove chiming in with the most famous American band, to be listened to by the representatives of pagan, as well as Catholic and Protestant, countries having diplomatic relations with the United States.

If the custom of former similar occasions is observed, this cosmopolitan exterior will be in full official uniform, which, glistening in the May sunshine and flanked by a fringe of humanity in feminine attire, will form a picture in vivid contrast to the solemnity of the occasion.

Other plans disturbed by the sudden death of the British sovereign at this time are those of Washingtonians who were on the eve of sailing to England to participate in the gaieties of the London season. Mrs. Nicholas Long-

worth was nothing daunted, however, and, as scheduled time, for at the end of her journey she is to be reunited with her father, whom she has not seen for more than a twelvemonth; her stepmother, for whom she has genuine affection, and her young brothers and sister, whose absence from Washington she has deplored.

What other side for a short visit will go to France, for a short visit to her husband's sister, the Countess de Chambrun, who is just now attending the May Music Festival in Cincinnati, and incidentally visiting her mother, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Sr., before sailing with her diplomat-husband for the latter's vacation abroad.

A covoyager of Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth is Mrs. Thomas Nelson Page, who took a sudden departure from Washington and is hurrying across the Atlantic to the bedside of her sick daughter, Mrs. Algernon Burner, formerly Miss Mina Fields.

Miss Dagmar Rubner, daughter of the well-known, brilliant pianist, Dr. Cornelius Rubner, of New York, who has been spending a fortnight here with her sister and mother, is the recipient of much attention, was the guest of honor at a quaint and picturesque dinner given by her hostess in the Rock Creek Park tea house Thursday evening.

The guests assembled at the sixteenth street residence of Mrs. Slater, thence automobiles were to convey them to the dining room among the trees at the old mill. The company included the following musicians and music-lovers: In the smart set, Miss Ingeborde Gude, of the minister to Norway; Mrs. S. F. Emmons; Miss Yvonne Townsend; Miss Harriet Wadsworth; Mitchell Inness, of the British embassy; Mr. de Weede, chargé d'affaires of the Netherlands legation; Mr. de Thal, of the Russian embassy; W. B. Clarke and Arthur, Hale, of Maine. The informal program rendered by Miss Rubner and her fellow-guests after the dinner would have done credit to professionals, and had it been given for a price, would have delighted hundreds instead of a dozen, and possibly have netted a tidy sum for deserving charity.

Colonel Adey, of the British army, his daughter, Miss Adey; Mrs. Desmond Humphreys, the English novelist known to the literary world as "Rita"; Madame Ethel Camp Huggis, the American-Swiss soprano soloist, who added the Rubenstein Club in a splendidly artistic concert on Monday; and Reginald S. Seymour, of London, are among other visitors whose entertainment has added to the gaiety of the month. Mr. Seymour happens to have personally met the newly-made King of England, George V., and over the tea cup this week has been piled with questions concerning His Majesty's characteristics, taste, etc. Summing up his observations on one occasion, he declared, "The King is admittedly of a retiring disposition, and the circle of people permitted to enjoy his intimacy is a small one. He will surprise the world, I believe, for it is his nature to say little. He will, however, take charge of things so far as the Constitution will permit him to do this, and he will soon become a leader in the government of England, instead of a figurehead. One of the great problems to early confront him is the question of British supremacy on the sea, and it is my conviction that under His Majesty's rule the country's foreign policy will again resume leadership among nations."

Washington has given the glad hand to the strangers within her gates, and with the other wined away tears of sympathy for our English cousins, sorrowing over the death of the most popular monarch that ever wore the British crown, but, withal, has not forgotten.

"May is here—  
The air is fresh and sunny;  
And the miser bees are busy;  
Hoarding golden honey."

It was, therefore, consistent with this memory that society went a-planting Thursday on the city's highways and byways. Summer skies were laughing and westerly winds wafting strains of a spring song as the planters set out on the carefully planned tour, to sow every known variety of seeds with a reputation for giving large returns for small care, on all roadsides leading to the capital city, confident that nature would carry forward the work and make the District bloom like a rose in the summer of 1910.

Miss Bessie Rhinehart, a June, Virginia bride, who has been spending several weeks in Washington, the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hollister Rhinehart, returned this week to her home in Covington. She was accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rhinehart.

Dr. Rosalie Slaughter Morton, formerly of Lynchburg, then of Washington, but now of New York, was among those assisting the wife of Dr. George Tulley Vaughn during her tea in honor of the ladies of the American Surgical Association. The Vaughn home in Street was formerly occupied as the Russian embassy, and is as splendidly adapted to large entertainments as its new owner is gifted in entertaining.

Another Virginian in town this week is Miss Mahon, of Warrenton, who is the guest of Miss Olga Roosevelt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Roosevelt, relatives of the former President of strenuous fame.

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Bon Air Social News.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Bon Air, Va., May 14.—Misses Juliet Talbot and Tippié Kerns were the guests on Sunday of Mrs. T. L. P. Cooke.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nelson spent Sunday with Alan Ferguson.

Misses Marion Montague and Elizabeth King were the guests of Miss Francis Withers recently.

Miss Jennie Talcott left on Tuesday to visit her sister, Mrs. Truman A. Parker, in Leesburg.

Miss Elizabeth Cooke has gone to Washington to visit friends in that city.

Miss Carrie Pickett Moore returned on Friday from Fredericksburg, and

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ing friends.  
Miss Eva Talcott has returned from an extended trip to Leesburg, Washington and Baltimore.  
Mrs. Polk Miller and Miss Maude Miller visited Mrs. W. W. Miller, of Richmond, during the past week.  
William Reid and family have returned to their summer home, near Bon Air.  
Miss Sarah Randolph Talcott spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Jennie Talcott.  
Edwin Pinkerton has returned to Baltimore, after a week or more spent with Dr. and Mrs. E. B. McCluer.

## Concord Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Concord, Va., May 14.—Hunter Dickey and his mother, Mrs. Mary Ellen Dickey, of Lynchburg, were guests of John L. Dickey the first of the week.

Miss Maggie Scott, of Lynchburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. F. Fisher, the present week.

Miss Annie Steele, who has been spending a week with relatives in Richmond and Manchester, returned home Tuesday.

Colonel R. B. Poe, of Appomattox, was in town Monday.

Mrs. M. D. Haden, of Lynchburg, spent Saturday last with her sister, Mrs. W. B. Woodson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Price, of Roanoke, were Sunday visitors in town.

Thornhill Caldwell, a student of the New London Academy, and Miss Rosa Caldwell, a teacher in Lynchburg, spent last Saturday and Sunday with their parents, near here.

Mrs. Judie Pool, of Lynchburg, spent a few days of this week in town visiting relatives and friends.

If C. Steele spent Saturday to Monday with friends in Appomattox.

Madames C. W. Hancock and J. R. Caldwell, of Appomattox, were guests of Mrs. S. E. Evans a few days of last week.

Mrs. W. T. Steele, of Spout Spring, spent Wednesday night with Mr. and

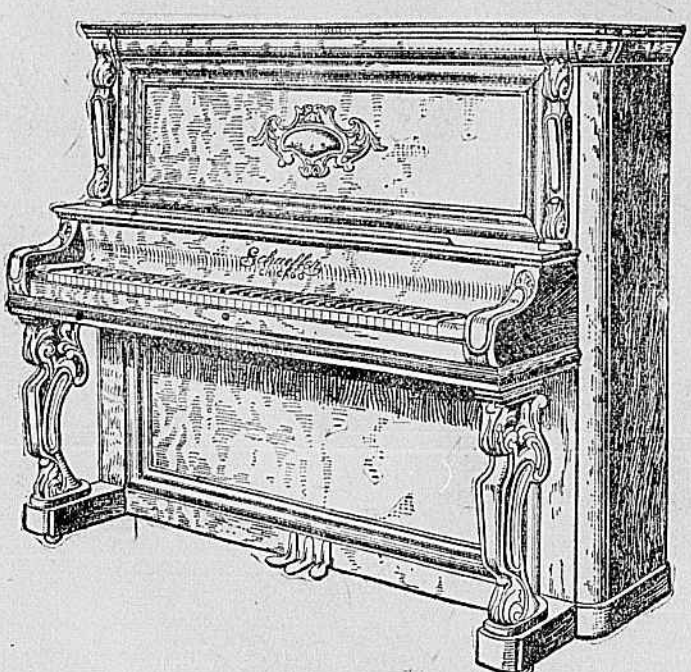
Mrs. J. H. Steele.  
Cliff Franklin, of Lynchburg, was guest of his friends in town Tuesday.  
Miss Ella Carson, of Stonewall, attended the dance at Appomattox Friday night of last week.  
Rev. J. C. Davidson left Wednesday for Baltimore, where he will attend the Southern Baptist Convention, was a guest of Mrs. C. B. Cross Saturday and Sunday last.  
Miss Nellie Abbott returned home Tuesday, and will remain now through the summer.  
The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church met last Monday afternoon in the church, with a good attendance.

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